

2006 RMT SCHEDULE

(11/17/2005)

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	D/N	ORIGINATOR
January	5	Thursday	2:50 PM	D	Local Area
February	8	Wednesday	7:25 AM	N	State DEM
March ¹	7	Tuesday	7:50 AM	N	Local Area
April ¹	6	Thursday	9:45 AM	D	State DEM
May ²	2	Tuesday	10:00 AM	D	Local Area
June	5	Monday	7:50 AM	N	Local Area
July	8	Saturday	9:50 AM	D	State DEM
August	6	Sunday	7:50 AM	N	Local Area
September ³	13	Wednesday	10:45 AM	D	NWS
October ⁴	6	Friday	11:30 PM	N	Local Area
November	9	Thursday	10:25 AM	D	Local Area
December	6	Wednesday	7:50 AM	N	Local Area

¹ The April RMT will be part of the state's earthquake preparedness drill. Since that will occur in the daytime, March has been switched to a nighttime test. The preparedness drill will occur between 9:45 AM and 10:00 AM. (The date and time are determined annually by the state.)

² The May RMT will be part of Pierce County's annual lahar test. (1st Tuesday of the month, 10 AM.)

³ The September RMT will run as part of the NWS tsunami comms test for the west coast and Alaska. (The date and time are determined annually by the National Weather Service.)

⁴ The October RMT coincides with a FEMA-required activation and survey of tone-alert radios in Franklin and Benton counties.

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- Nighttime tests must run between local sunset and 8:30 AM. D/N column identifies FCC-approved day/night classification.
 - Nighttime tests are no longer scheduled in the middle of the night so people with weather radios will not be disturbed by their radios being activated by an RMT.
 - This schedule deviates from the originator schedule in the state plan so that local areas are not responsible for all nighttime tests.
 - The State DEM will not activate in the middle of the night in consideration of the participants in the CSEPP program.
 - The NWS will not activate in the middle of the night in consideration of those people who are alerted by the tone alert system.
 - Exact times are shown. This will help traffic, programming, and operations departments everywhere prepare for the incoming test, and balances out the desires of those groups that asked for top-of-the-hour tests and those that asked for bottom-of-the-hour tests.
 - The April, May, and September tests deviate from the standard test pattern (day/night, first full week of the month) due to the scheduling of the earthquake preparedness drill in April, the Lahar drill in May, and the tsunami comms test in September.
 - September is "Weather Radio Awareness Month" and is also the NWS tsunami comms test, so NWS will originate in September.
 - Broadcast stations and cable systems have 1 hour to forward an RMT after receiving it.